

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and moderate temperature Thursday and Friday; gentle, variable winds. Yesterday's temperature: Highest, 69 degrees; lowest, 56 degrees.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, 1917.

Aliens—Obey the law and keep your mouth shut.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

U-BOATS IN THE PACIFIC, SAYS GOVERNMENT

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR DURATION OF THE WAR

After This Force Has Been Raised, Selective Draft Will Be Made.

\$7,000,000,000 FOR WAR CHEST

Brazil Breaks, Argentine and Costa Rica Back Up United States.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. San Francisco, April 11.—Warning that German submarines are believed to be operating in the Pacific was sent to all steamship captains at sea by wireless at the order of Lieutenant Commander Woods, of the United States navy. The location of submarines was not mentioned.

Volunteers Wanted. Washington, April 11.—President Wilson, in a conference with Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin, insisted on the administration plan for raising a large army on the principle of selective draft. At the same time it was learned authoritatively that the war department virtually had decided on plans under which an opportunity will be given about five hundred thousand to volunteer for the duration of the war. The result will be a total national guard and regular force of approximately seven hundred and twenty-four thousand will be organized first independent of the selective draft.

Huge War Chest. Washington, April 11.—Assurance that the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue measure will pass the house quickly, and consideration of new taxation plan will begin immediately was given President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo tonight by congressional leaders. Debate on the revenue bill providing \$5,000,000,000 for bonds and \$2,000,000,000 for certificates of indebtedness will begin in the house Friday.

Argentina Approves. Buenos Aires, April 11.—The government will make no official announcement of Argentina's neutrality as it considers yesterday's note is sufficient. This note is embodied in the declaration that Argentina is supporting the position of the United States.

Costa Rica, Too. Washington, April 11.—Without formally announcing abandonment of their neutrality, two more Latin American countries, Argentina and Costa Rica, have given assurance of their support to the United States in the war. Costa Rica sent word that she endorsed the course of the United States, and is "willing to prove it if necessary." Argentina notified the state department "she recognizes the justice of the United States' position," thus choosing the middle course between Brazil's severance of diplomatic relations and Chile's declaration of neutrality.

Brazil Breaks. Rio Janeiro, April 11.—Although the government decided yesterday on a severance of relations with Germany, actual promulgation of the measure was delayed. It is believed the government is awaiting a reply to its request that Switzerland take over Brazilian affairs in Germany.

Sundry Bill Passed. Washington, April 11.—The senate cleared the way for war legislation tonight by passage of the \$155,000,000 sundry civil bill, the last of the 100 annual appropriation bills.

R. R. Mobilization. Washington, April 11.—Heads of principal railroads in the United States at a meeting here at the call of the Council of National Defense, has appointed a board of five to direct the operation of American railways throughout the war. It was announced the purpose of the board will be to give the government the best possible service, not only transporting troops and military supplies, but also in handling every necessary commodity.

The following railroad executives were named members of the board: Fairfax Harrison of the Southern; Chairman; Howard Elliott of the New Haven; Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania; Hale Holden, of the Burlington; and Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific. Under this board will operate a committee of twenty-eight members. The present national defense committee of the American Railway Association will be used as a basis for forming the committee.

W.O.W. CAMPS TO ORGANIZE A HOME GUARD

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night Decided to Form Unit at Once.

WOODMEN WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

Membership of Local Lodge—About 800—Will Parade Friday Night.

Called for a special meeting, every member of the Woodmen of the World camps in the city are expected to be at the W. O. W. hall, at the corner of Baylen and Romana streets, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, for the formation of a Woodmen Home Guard corps. There is a membership of about 800 Woodmen in the two local camps, and every man, old or young, is expected to be on hand.

Monster Parade. Immediately after the formation of what is expected to be one of the strongest units of its nature in the city, it is proposed to hold a parade over the principal streets, the route to be announced later.

One of the features of the parade will be the carrying of a large flag, said to be the largest in the south. It has to be carried flat by about fifty men, for it is too large to be suspended from a pole.

Plans for the organization of the W. O. W. Home Guards were discussed last night after the business meeting of Hickory Camp No. 21. One of the features of the meeting of last

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ALLIES SEND EXPERTS OVER

British Foreign Minister and French Premier Come for War Conference.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, D. C., April 11.—Secretary Lansing confirmed a report that Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, will arrive in the United States shortly at the head of a commission of British international experts.

It was also learned tonight that a French commission headed by Minister of Justice Viviani, will come to Washington at the same time as Balfour and the English commission.

The conference in which Balfour and Viviani and other allied officials will participate in here is said to have been sought by allied leaders themselves in order to discuss every phase of the war. One of the first questions to be taken up will be the distribution of a three billion dollar loan that President Wilson has asked congress to provide.

Naval co-operation is understood to contemplate the policing of the North and South American waters by the American navy, allowing the return to Europe of British and French vessels.

Whether arrangements with the allies necessitate the actual sending of American warships to Europe has not been announced but if they are made, it is indicated that the port of Brest, France, will be offered American ships as a base. Military participation of the United States will probably be discussed in broad terms although it is realized on both sides that the United States will not send an army to Europe at the present time.

MEN, GUNS OF ORDER LEAGUE GERMAN ARMY IS ORGANIZED ARE CAPTURED IN PENSACOLA

Gen. Haig's Troops Succeed in Winning Victorious Offensive.

SNOW STORMS ARE IMPEDING ADVANCE

Violent Bombardments Continue on Sector of Front Held by the French.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Operations along the Arras-Lens line, scene of the recent British advance, are impeded by snow storms. London reports the repulse of two German counter attacks near Monchy-Le-Preux, the British consolidating the recently captured positions.

British captured the village and heights of Monchy-Le-Preux early today. London also says that near Bullecourt, in West Cambrai, Gen. Haig's men penetrated the German position but were compelled to retire before counter attacks.

Berlin says in this fighting, and in a battle near Hardecourt, north-west of St. Quentin, a thousand British were taken as prisoners. Violent bombardments continue on a sector of the front held by the French.

No important changes were reported at other fronts. Apparently the first swift rush of the powerful offensive is over, but the reports from correspondents indicate that the work consolidating the ground won was taken up speedily and done thoroughly while during the progress of this task there was no interruption of the pressure upon the retreating Germans. Already more than 10,000 prisoners and guns in excess of 100, many of them heavy pieces, have been taken by General Haig's victorious troops.

The minimum advance has been effected in the sector of Vimy Ridge, the northern pivot of the Hindenburg line, now turned by the British, where the German resistance was naturally stiffest in view of the importance of the commanding hill points. Nevertheless British accounts show further gains there.

Brazil's decision to sever diplomatic relations with Germany has so far not been followed by any of the other South or Central American nations, but advises from Rio Janeiro declare that similar action by some other of the South American countries is expected in diplomatic circles there. A dispatch from Argentina reports the government announcing that it supported the action of the United States in reference to Germany. Uruguay, however, has declared her neutrality.

SUGGESTS WAY OUT OF FOOD SITUATION

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 11.—Representative Lever, of South Carolina, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, proposed to President Wilson that autocratic power be granted some branch of the government to deal with the food situation. Among possible ways for increasing the food supplies he proposed the closing of distilleries, said to use six hundred million bushels of grain annually.

All West Florida to be United to Produce Food Crops

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL. Marianna, April 11.—A patriotic meeting of the citizens of Marianna was held here Tuesday, and was well attended by women as well as men. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for the great rally to be held in this city on Saturday, April 14. The West Florida Fair Association is to be the host of the farmers of West Florida and when a great educational campaign will be instituted looking to the planting of larger food crops this year.

The meeting elected Dr. Theop West as its chairman, and S. W. Hiatt, county farm demonstration agent, as its secretary, and proceeded at once to the appointment of committees.

The chair appointed on the committee on arrangements for Saturday's meeting the following: J. W. Russ,

People and Authorities Join Hands to Make This Model City.

NEXT MEETING HELD FRIDAY

First Time in 19 Years, Says Semmes, People Assisted in Law Enforcement.

The movement begun last Monday morning at an impromptu meeting of the citizens of Pensacola to secure better enforcement of the city's laws emerged from theory into fact at a second citizens meeting in the city hall yesterday morning, when a representative body of citizens, including the city officials, enthusiastically pledged themselves to do all in their power to make Pensacola a better city.

O. J. Semmes addressed the meeting on behalf of the city commissioners, and gave assurance that the city authorities are in full accord with the citizens' movement, and that the law would be rigidly enforced. He stated that this is the first time in nineteen years that he has resided in Pensacola that the citizens have offered their assistance and cooperation to any administration, and that the city officials stand ready to comply with the wishes of the people.

He told of the difficulties experienced in securing convictions in blind tiger cases, and said that if certain lawyers who devoted their best energies to freeing on legal technicalities men whom they know to be guilty of the illegal sale of liquor, the work of the authorities would be much easier and more effective. After outlining the strict regulations which have been put into effect in the segregated district, Mr. Semmes told of the steps which have been taken to suppress houses of questionable repute outside the district. He stated that the keepers of all such resorts were arrested Tuesday night, the houses closed and the keepers warned that the penalty for reopening would be \$250 fine. Referring to the operation of service clubs, Mr. Semmes said that the commissioners stood ready, not to close the clubs at 6 o'clock or any hour they might select, but to pass an ordinance closing them at whatever hour Col. Davis, the commanding officer of Barrancas, might designate.

W. H. Watson acted as temporary chairman, and J. H. D'Alemberte temporary secretary. A committee on permanent organization was selected as follows: A. C. Blount, chairman; J. B. Perkins, J. S. Reese, and J. P. Stokes. This committee will draft a constitution and by-laws to be submitted and reported on at the next meeting, which was called for Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the city hall.

A. C. Blount made a talk in reference to the laxity with which the excise laws have been enforced in the past, and the lack of strict regulation in the segregated district. He said that the citizens of Pensacola have been accused of having very little civil patriotism, but that the interest manifested by all classes in the meetings of Monday and Wednesday disproved this charge and

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MAY ABOLISH OFFICE OF FISH COMMISSION

Fisheries Committee Decides to Submit Bill With This End in View.

SPIRITED DEBATE ON BONE DRY LAW

Been Passed on Second Reading and Goes to En-grossing Committee.

STAFF SPECIAL. Tallahassee, Fla., April 11.—At a joint meeting of the fisheries committee of the house and senate this morning it was unanimously decided to submit a bill abolishing the office of shell fish commissioner and providing for the employment of such an officer by the commissioner of agriculture subject to the approval of the board of state institutions, composed of the governor and his cabinet.

Cannot Divide Commissions. Senator Jones, of Pensacola, today introduced a bill prohibiting insurance companies from requesting or permitting their agents to divide their commissions except when the property insured is in this state and owned by a non-resident, and when the insurance on the property is procured by the non-resident or broker.

The Day's Proceedings. Tallahassee, Fla., April 11.—Upon a favorable report by the public health committee on the bill introduced by Dr. Fogarty to abolish the board of health and place the power in the hands of the board of institutions composed of the governor and his cabinet. The bill went to its second reading in the senate this morning and its passage is expected.

Senator Eaton's bill, appropriating \$300,000 for eradication and control of citrus canker, was also reported favorably upon, and placed on second reading.

The bill introduced by Senator MacWilliams, allowing county officials to serve in the army without losing their positions, was reported favorably and placed on third reading and final passage.

A favorable report was rendered on the MacWilliams bill for the creation of the Fifteenth Judicial district.

Senator Carlton's bill providing for the payment of fifty dollars to each of the Florida guardsmen who served

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MILTON JAIL HOUSES HIKER

Arrested on Suspicion as Spy—150 Men for Militia Company.

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL. Milton, April 11.—Charged with being a suspicious character, Alexander Prettie, a "hiker," and speaking with a decided foreign accent, was arrested near here today and put into the local jail. Authorities up to a late hour were unable to find anything suggesting spy work with them. They apparently consisted of religious tracts and a signature dairy or the places where he has been. He claims to come from Philadelphia on a 12,000 mile tour of the country.

Examining Volunteers. Enrollments in the white company number over one hundred and fifty. Many of the men have already taken their medical examination, and forty more will be examined tomorrow. Intense enthusiasm prevails, the boys being eager to go to the front.

Negro Company Enrollment. At the meeting held tonight enrollment of the negro company being organized by Adone Tomasello was completed and to spare. Whether or not the company will be accepted is not definitely known, though Mr. Tomasello received a telegram from his father, Peter Tomasello, in Tallahassee tonight telling him to go ahead.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM WILL SIGNALIZE PAUL REVERE DAY APRIL 19

Nobody Could Make Him Furl His Flag

Both the Sayville liar and the El Paso brainstorm could tally lessons from the rumor artist of Pensacola. The latest report is that P. S. Askegren, who lives on motor route A, on the Goulding road, was forced to take down an American flag from his house. Where the rumor started no one seems to know, but judging by the number of people who have spoken to Mr. Askegren about it, it is widely disseminated. Mr. Askegren, telling The Journal of it last night, says that there isn't a word of truth in it; that he is an American citizen and has the Stars and Stripes flying from his home now. "I'd like to see anybody make me take it down," he added.

Mayor Joins Nation-Wide Movement and Explains Public Observance.

IS NATIONAL ENLISTMENT DAY

Has Appealed to Churches, Schools, Etc., For Their Co-operation.

Ministers of practically every church and principals of schools in the city were asked in a letter from Mayor Hinrichs yesterday to cooperate in the movement to celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the battle of Lexington, which is April 19, designating the same as National Recruiting Day. Cooperation is asked by having the poem of Paul Revere read in the respective churches.

Like request was made of the managers of the local moving picture theatres. The letter from Mayor Hinrichs to the ministers of practically every church in Pensacola reads as follows:

The Mayor's Letter. To All Churches, School Teachers and Moving Picture Houses: I take this means of informing you that I have set aside Thursday, April 19, 1917, the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the battle of Lexington, for the purpose of designating it as National Recruiting Day, and would earnestly request that you cooperate with us to make this a great national demonstration of loyalty to our government and as an expression of our feelings to the world generally.

I earnestly request that you have the poem of Paul Revere recited in your church (school or theatre as the case may be), on April 19, 1917. On the nineteenth (19th) we hope to have the modern Lexington alarm distributed by flying machines, tolling of church bells, fire bells and factory whistles.

Please advise me if you will cooperate with us in making the day a success, and any assistance on your part will be highly appreciated.

Mailed Last Night. These letters were mailed last night, and addressees should find their respective copy in this morning's mail. The mayor has been assured of the fullest cooperation, and next Thursday will probably be observed generally as a holiday in the city. The idea of commemorating the great revolutionary event was suggested to the mayor a few days ago, and he thought it a capital idea, to arouse many to the duty of affiliating in the service of their country. Should the assistance of the public be as general as is now hoped for, it is likely a meeting will be called and patriotic addresses be heard from local or visiting orators.

COUNTRY BANKS HOLD MOST OF THE MONEY

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 11.—Analysis of the distribution of the \$2,642,000,000 reserve held by national banks March 5th, shows country banks to have a greater excess of reserve than banks in central cities. The controller of the currency has announced the heaviest reserves, being shown among western states, with the southern states second.

CHARLESTON, W. VA. GETS ARMOR PLANT

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 11.—Secretary Daniels today announced the government armor plant and projectile factory for which \$12,700,000 was appropriated will be built at Charleston, West Virginia. The board in deciding on a location inspected personally twenty-nine cities.

SPAIN SENDS STRONG PROTEST TO GERMANY

London, April 11.—A Madrid dispatch says the Spanish government has made strong protest to Germany on submerging of the Spanish steamer San Fulgencio.

GOETHALS HAVE CHARGE BUILDING 1000 SHIPS

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson has formally requested Major General Goethals to take charge of the building of a thousand wooden ships for foreign commerce.

LOW INTEREST TO FARMERS PLANTINGFOOD

Marianna Bank Adopts Policy to Help Nation in This Crisis.

CASH MARKET FOR PRODUCE ASSURED

Hog Raising Especially to Be Encouraged to Increase Meat Supply.

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL. Marianna, Fla., April 11.—The board of directors of the Citizens State Bank of this city, at their meeting on Tuesday, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the farmers of Jackson county to plant all the food crops that they can possibly plant and cultivate, and pledging full support in meeting the present crisis presented by the nation-wide and world-wide shortage of food.

This being the greatest agricultural county in Florida, it is the belief of the directors of this bank that loans should be made at the best possible rates to farmers who will undertake to make special planting of food crops and raise the largest possible number of hogs for meat.

EXPLOSION IN PLANT A PLOT

Believed Some Disloyal Employee Made and Set Off Deadly Bomb.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Chester, Pa., April 11.—High official of Eddystone Munition Corporation placed blame for yesterday's explosion, which cost one hundred and sixteen lives, mostly of young women, on a disloyal employee. He said he believed the bomb had been made from a shell in the plant. This development spurred investigations, and numerous arrests were made here and in Philadelphia, Villa Nova, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey. Disposition of the prisoners is not definitely known, though Mr. Tomasello received a telegram from his father, Peter Tomasello, in Tallahassee tonight telling him to go ahead.